

“With Us in the Furnace”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 34 – Daniel 3:1-30
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I. Nebuchadnezzar’s Folly

- A. He set up an image for the land to worship.
- B. He believed he had power over the lives of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

II. Nebuchadnezzar Proven Wrong

- A. The Lord was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the flames.
- B. The Lord delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

III. Nebuchadnezzar’s Praise

- A. He praised God for the deliverance and for the faithfulness of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- B. He made it illegal to say a negative word about the God of Israel.

IV. Lessons for Us

- A. We can be sure that God is with us, wherever.
- B. We should realize that the Lord controls all nations and rulers.
- C. We should remember the Lord does call us to walk through trial at times:

***Revelation 2:10** - Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

***Matthew 16:24–25** - ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

- D. We can trust the one who has already delivered us from the worst trial to be with us in our sufferings now:

***Matthew 28:20b** - “...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*